



Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife

Mute Swan Nest Destruction Program

Under Authority of Act 451 of PA of 1994 As Amended

There is an increasing need for different techniques to resolve mute swan conflicts. Nest destruction is one possible tool to control site-specific nuisance swan problems. The Michigan DNR has set the following guidelines for those interested in receiving a permit that allows the removal and destruction of mute swan eggs to assist in mute swan population control.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:

Permits may be issued only to those that meet one or more of the following definitions:

- , which A governmental agency (Township/City/Village) which legally represents the property owners on the subject lake/body of water/site.
- A Lake Association represents property owners on the subject lake/body of water/site. Those in this category must obtain public approval consisting of a signed petition representing 70% of the lakeshore property owners. The petition submitted will be valid for a 5-year period; however the **applicant/permittee must apply annually for the program**.
- An individual with sole ownership, institution, corporation, or other entity which owns/controls all lands surrounding or containing the subject lake/body of water/site. This can include a homeowner, businesses, golf courses, parks, and recreation areas.
- An individual who does not have sole ownership or control of the subject lake/body of water/site, but wishes to destroy nests located only on his/her own property.

REQUIREMENTS:

As part of the requirements for receiving a permit, the permittee must agree to the following:

- Permittee must submit application requesting a permit.
- Permittee is responsible for providing any and all personnel to handle the swan eggs, or pay an approved state permitted private, nuisance animal control company to carry out the work.
- Permittee is responsible for providing complete and accurate recordkeeping of the nest destruction operations and file a report providing details as required.
- Permittee is responsible to ensure that all eggs, eggshell fragments and/or contents that are removed from nests be destroyed as specified in the permit.